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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Confirmation No.: 7273

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Group Art Unit: 2155

Serial No.: 10/012,458

Examiner: Asad M. Nawaz

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Customer No.: 34610

For: **METHOD FOR INTERFACING BETWEEN A SWITCHING SYSTEM AND
AN MMI/TMN AGENT**

REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on February 24, 2006, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-15 and 20) with traverse for further prosecution on the merits.

As the Examiner has already issued an Office Action (see Office Action dated June 17, 2005) rejecting all of claims 1-20 over prior art, the Examiner has already searched the entire application, and thus cannot now claim that such a search would be a serious burden. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits,

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even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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